

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Group Art Unit: 1652
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BLATTMANN et al.)	Examiner: Meah, Mohammad Y.
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Serial No.: 10/524,234)	Confirmation No.: 8676
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Filed: December 1, 2005)	
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For: MUTANT E. COLI APPA PHYTASE)	
ENZYMES AND NATURAL VARIANTS)	
THEREOF, NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING)	
SUCH PHYTASE ENZYMES, VECTORS AND)	
HOST CELLS INCORPORATING SAME AND)	
METHODS OF MAKING AND USING SAME)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT MAILED
MARCH 18, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 18, 2008, Applicants respectfully requests that the following amendments be made. Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to file the present Response. A complete list of the Claims, including marked-up versions of the rewritten, added, withdrawn, and/or cancelled claims is provided below, beginning on page 2. None of the amendments to the Claims is intended to narrow the scope of any of the amended Claims within the meaning of *Festo*¹. The Remarks begin on page 5.

¹ *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, No. 95-1066, 2000 WL 1753646 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000).